

# MORE ABOUT ZONING ORDER and Tiny Twp. council's reaction

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

✓ A zoning order restricting the size of future commercial buildings in the Highway 27 area of Tiny Township sought by Midland through annexation has been issued by the Minister of Housing.

Minister of Housing, Claude Bennett, says in his March 27 letter to Tiny that the order is an "interim measure, imposed to facilitate and expedite resolution of the conflicting positions taken by the Township of Tiny and the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene concerning proposed Amendment No. 23."

Under the new zoning order, commercial buildings are not to exceed 465 square metres, and extensions to existing buildings are limited to 279 square metres.

Bennett notes that although the building permit issued by Tiny for a 18,000 square metre shopping mall on Highway 27 "is in conformity to the approved official plan

and zoning bylaw, I am concerned that the issuance of the permit somewhat prejudices the resolution of issues relating to proposed Amendment No. 23."

✓ At the April 8, meeting of Tiny council, Councillor Ron Hamelin commented on the "inconsistency" of the commercial limits imposed with the recent freeze ordered by the same ministry on the block which was subsequently the object of Midland's annexation attempt.

According to the zoning order, the limitations on commercial floorspace do not apply to buildings "which were approved by the municipal architect or building inspector of the Township of Tiny prior to the day this order comes into force if the erection is commenced within two years."

Meanwhile a number of supportive calls

have been received by Tiny Township following the announcement of annexation proceedings by Midland for the commercial strip on both sides of Highway 27.

Support for Tiny has come from within the township and also from Midland, according to Clerk Guy Maurice.

✓ One Midland caller encouraged Tiny to "stick to their guns and keep Midland from getting what they don't deserve."

This message was relayed to Tiny council at its Wednesday meeting and warmly received.

Reaction to the land grab by Tiny residents varies from disbelief to outrage. Waverley resident and former Tiny deputy-reeve Hilda Sibthorpe says "Midland would be better off spending the (annexation) money on their downtown, and not just on planters."

Mrs. Sibthorpe noted that the inconvenience of pay parking in Midland

deters shoppers, producing a situation where residents of the town and surrounding area travel to Barrie and Orillia for their needs.

✓ "Tiny has spent a lot of money on planning and has done its homework," she continued, saying "The Highway 27 development has proceeded under strict guidelines of the ministry of the environment."

She observed that despite statements by Midland politicians on the need for environmental protection of Little Lake, apartments had been allowed to "spoil their most valuable asset."

Mrs. Sibthorpe speculated that Midland citizens "will be wondering if they can afford to get into this annexation," and regretted that the two municipalities had reached the point where "neighbour no longer talks to neighbour."

## \$1,000 cheque helps new Port library's cause

by Eileen Hocken

An important meeting of the Port McNicoll Library Board took place Wednesday, April 8, at the Municipal Office. Cathy Hall was appointed Chairlady for the evening's activities.

Members of the Library Board, Cathy Hall, Audrey Head, Leo Copeland, and Head Librarian, Cherry Hancox were pleased to welcome the Director of Simcoe County Library, Mr. Maurice Allen, to the meeting.

Also present and welcomed were Reeve Moreau, Deputy Reeve, Ted Walker, Councillors, Chris Merritt and Ross Cameron.

Arthur Worth, Secretary Treasurer of the Port McNicoll Legion, was there on behalf of the Legion, to present the library board with a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to start the money rolling for the new library which Port McNicoll plans on building.

### Founders

Mr. Worth, one of the founders of the Port McNicoll Legion which started in 1954, indicated the Legion will be happy to donate more money in the future for the new Library if it is needed.

Already this year, the Legion has given out \$4,500. in charitable donations to the local churches, organizations (like Boy Scouts, etc.), fire disaster victims in Penetanguishene and Waubaushene, Jaws of Life and Tele-a-thon.

Port McNicoll Lucky Dollar Store donated \$150 to this worthwhile project.

Other personal donations, a \$25 cheque from Mr. and Mrs. Art Worth and a \$10 cheque from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Head were also presented to the Library Board, making it a total of \$1,185 towards our new Library.

### Bricks

Also in the works is a project to sell "bricks", 7,500 of them, at \$2 a brick in a fund-raising campaign - a little gimmick to raise \$15,000 for the new Library.

Each \$2 contribution will help put a brick on the building.

### Project

In case the taxpayer sees himself having to fork out a large amount of "dough" for this new project in the village, it is important that they realize the municipality plans on working for this library, raising the necessary funds in numerous ways so that the taxpayers' pockets aren't depleted.

The village is donating the land and utilities for the new library. If the goal of \$15,000 can be reached by the sale of these "bricks" and the expected Government grants come through, the taxpayer will in effect pay very little.

## Liberal meeting held without Kaplan

Due to pressing business in Ottawa, Robert Kaplan, the Solicitor-General, did not as scheduled address the Simcoe North Liberal Party annual meeting Wednesday evening.

Ross Milne, president of the Ontario wing of the federal party, took his place at the meeting

held at Horseshoe Valley. Barb Martin was elected President for the coming year. The other members of the new executive are Roy Hocken, 1st vice-president; Carl Manshart, 2nd vice-president; Myrtle Bowen, treasurer; and Margaret Humphrey, secretary.



## Local Guide wins Canada Cord

Lisa Gignac, a Junior Guide leader with the 2nd Penetanguishene Company, is the first Guide in Penetanguishene to receive a Canada Cord. Lisa has earned four

emblems and 35 badges. Tuesday evening in St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church Lynne Cousens, divisional commissioner of Severn Shores division, left, presented

Lisa with her Canada Cord. Mayor Ron Bellisle presented Lisa with a plaque on the behalf of Premier William Davis.

## Opinions on the subject

# Lionel Dion opposes Midland's annexation bid

Tiny Township has at least one friend on Penetanguishene council.

Lionel Dion, the senior member of Penetanguishene council, said this week he "definitely" opposes annexation of part of Tiny Township by Midland.

He said he also opposed his own council over the freeze of

development recently applied by the Ministry of Housing to the section of Tiny Township surrounding Highway 27 between Midland and Penetanguishene.

He described Midland as acting in an "un-neighbourly manner," after Midland announced Tuesday morning it is seeking to annex over 2,000 acres of its neighbour to the

west. "If one municipality is making progress, why should we act like dogs in the manger?", the 20 year veteran of Penetanguishene politics asked Wednesday.

Dion said he would approve of annexation by Penetanguishene of a section of Tay Township, but only because he believes Tay Township council would

be agreeable to a specific proposal.

The rest of the McCloud farm on Robert Street East on the other side of the industrial park in Tay Township should logically be in Penetanguishene because it represents a future high residential area for the town, he said. Oak Ridge should

logically be in Penetanguishene, as is the Mental Health Centre, but annexation there would also involve a part of Tay Township that could be an important industrial area for Tay Township, he said. He would only agree to a bid in that area with Tay Township's co-operation.

Dion said he knows from past conversations with members of Tay Township council, including Reeve Charlie Rawson, that Tay Township would not be greatly opposed to Penetanguishene annexing the rest of the McCloud farm.

He sees no reason for Penetanguishene to put in a competing bid for the part of Tiny Township south of Penetanguishene that Midland is seeking.

The land is swamp and farmland down to Vindin Street, he noted.

## Map shrinks between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. due to 'inaccuracy'

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Tiny Township Chief Administrative Officer Guy Maurice reported to council on Wednesday that he had been served with a notice of annexation proceedings by Midland for 2,600 acres along the commercial strip bordering Highway 27. The notice was delivered to the Perkinsfield offices of the township at 9:30 Tuesday morning. The inaccuracy of the attached map showing the

land in question was corrected in a later delivery from Midland by 4 p.m.

The corrected map indicated that the actual area was somewhat smaller than originally shown.

Tiny Council observed that "perhaps if Midland were given more opportunity to study their map the area might shrink considerably again."

The annexation notice was ordered filed.